IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND SUPPORT FOR A GUBERNATORIAL TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER BOTH TRADITIONAL AND NONTRADITIONAL SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THE RATES, METHODS AND MANNER OF CALCULATING ANY AND ALL TAXES, FEES AND REGISTRATIONS RELATING TO FUELS AND MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR CARRIERS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, it is undeniable that a reliable, resilient and effective transportation system is essential for public safety and the state's long-term economic health; and

WHEREAS, current funding will not keep pace with increasing costs to maintain and preserve Idaho's highways and bridges; and

WHEREAS, this revenue shortfall in funding is caused by a growing need for preservation and restoration of the state highway system made even more dire by the eventual need to preserve and restore capacity projects already programmed; and

WHEREAS, the state must identify additional revenues for the maintenance and preservation of its highways and bridges to protect our existing infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a recent legislative audit determined that a proposed revenue enhancement of \$240 million a year is merited and may even be understated; and

WHEREAS, increased funding will facilitate efficiency by allowing for better planning and help the state avoid costly federal mandates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that a gubernatorial task force is appropriate to consider both traditional and nontraditional sources of revenue for the maintenance and preservation of highways and bridges including, but not limited to, possible revisions to the rates, methods and manner of calculating any and all taxes, fees and registrations relating to fuels and motor vehicles and motor carriers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislature supports and will participate in the gubernatorial task force consisting of fifteen members and including five members from the Idaho Senate and five members from the Idaho House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislature shall receive and consider reports and findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, from the gubernatorial task force during the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature.